

2020 Reclaim Our River, Nanticoke Series - Watershed Events, Workshops and Floating Fun!



Your guide for reclaiming and enjoying your waterways. *Protect where you play!*

Free Saving the Monarch Presentation

-March 2nd, 2020– Laurel Public Library at 6PM

Join Mike McFarlin who has single-handedly raised hundreds of monarchs each summer in an attempt to repopulate Delaware's monarch population. **In the last 20 years the monarch population has decreased 90%!**



Come learn about this majestic butterfly's migration routes, the impact humans have on their environment, where to look for eggs, raising the monarch from eggs, feeding them and ultimately, releasing the developed butterfly. Limited supply of free milkweed seeds for participants. Come early to visit information tables.

Free Gardening for Butterflies and Clean Water Presentation

-March 30th, 2020– Laurel Public Library at 6PM



Make your yard come alive! When you garden for water and wildlife, your yard could become home to 15 migratory birds, 20 native plant species, and 5 kinds of butterflies. It's easy and we can help.

The Gardening for Water and Wildlife program conducted through a partnership between Delaware Nature Society and the National Wildlife Federation, provides official recognition for properties that meet five criteria necessary for wildlife: food,

water, cover, places for wildlife to raise young, and wildlife-friendly landscaping practices.

These properties can get certified as Certified Wildlife Habitats™.



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RIVER GRASS WORKSHOP

Nanticoke River Grass Workshops in May and June

-Saturday May 2nd, 10AM –12PM, June Workshop TBD


Learn about the aquatic grasses in the Nanticoke River and its creeks, why they're important, and how you can help us find and ID grasses in your local waterways! Please bring a pair of waders or waterproof muck boots for going out in the field to look for grasses. Minors twelve and over are welcome to participate with a guardian or parent.

The May workshop will be held at the Federalsburg Historical Society Museum. We'll update the Series Guide once June workshop details have been finalized.

Both workshops hosted by Nanticoke Watershed Alliance are sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation. Thanks also to the Federalsburg Historical Society for sponsoring the May workshop.

Register at NanticokeRiver.org/SAV2020 or contact [Beth Wasden@NanticokeRiver.org](mailto:Beth.Wasden@NanticokeRiver.org), 443-944-1175 for more information.

Please bring water proof muck boots or waders



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**Saturday, June 20
11AM-1PM**

**Greenwood Public Library
100 Mill St.**

Native Trees for the Birds and the Bees and the Seas

Register at www.NanticokeRiver.org/trees2020.

Native trees clean our air, provide cooling shade on balmy summer days, reduce road noise, and block wind. Their deep roots also uptake water and nutrients, reducing flooding and pollution. Incredibly, they also provide habitat and food for a wide range of critters, including our native pollinators such as butterflies, bees, and moths, as well as birds, squirrels, and humans!

Join Nanticoke Watershed Alliance at our "[Native Trees for the Birds and the Bees and the Seas](#)" workshop and learn about the many roles that native trees play in the wild (and could play in your yard). Would you like to plant native trees, but you aren't sure which ones to plant? Are you overwhelmed or underwhelmed by choice and just can't find the right trees for your space? This workshop will help you determine which native trees could work in your landscape and give you an opportunity to add trees to your landscape at no or low-cost (20% match required for most TreeScape projects).

If you live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, you'll take home a free native tree. Participants can also apply for Native Treescape packages that meet the applicants' needs (again, you must live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed). Treescapes can provide food, privacy, habitat, or a mixture of all three. (All are welcome to attend this workshop. However, Treescapes must be planted within Delaware's Chesapeake Bay watershed. Locations within the Nanticoke River watershed and its subwatersheds, including Broad Creek, Deep Creek, and Marshyhope Creek, will receive higher priority.)

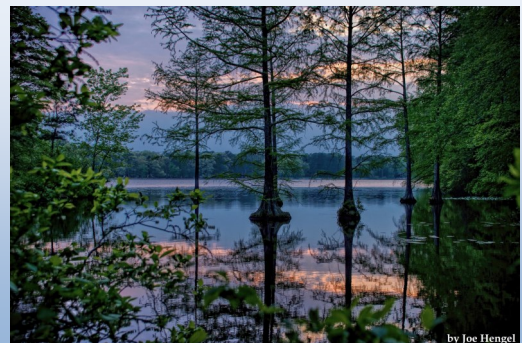
Registration is required to ensure that we have enough materials and free trees for the program. Questions? Contact Beth Wasden at bethwasden@nanticokeriver.org or at 443.944.1175.

Kayak Canoe Challenge at Trap Pond

-July 11th, at Trap Pond State Park

Visit educational stations throughout Trap Pond and the Canoe Trail upstream. Bring your own boat or rent one right at Trap Pond, home to the country's northernmost natural stand of baldcypress trees!

More information coming soon!



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7th Annual Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta

- August 1st at the Nanticoke River Public Marine Park in Blades, DE (Rain Date Aug. 2nd)

The seventh annual Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta – presented by DNREC’s Division of Watershed Stewardship, Delaware Nature Society’s Abbott’s Mill Nature Center, Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, and the Town of Blades, will cast off Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Nanticoke River Public Marine Park, 26 North Market Street, Blades, DE 19973. Sign-in and day-of registration begin at 11 a.m., with judging of boats’ appearances at noon, and races starting at 12:30 p.m.



The Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta is open to anyone who can build a cardboard boat. Boats may be any size, shape, or design, but must be made of recycled cardboard. Boats should be painted with multiple coats of any one-part polyurethane or enamel paint. Boat decorations may be removed after judging, and prior to the race start. Standard registration fees are \$20/entry before July 25; \$30/entry July 25-Aug. 1. Registration fees for organizations and businesses are \$50/entry before July 25, and \$60/entry July 25-Aug. 1. Participants can also register the day of the event.

First-place awards will be given for winners of races in five categories: individual, youth, teens, family, and organizations or businesses. Special awards will be given for “Pride of the Fleet,” “Most Whimsical Boat,” and “Team Spirit.” Also, spectators will be asked to pick a “People’s Choice” award winner, while a special “Titanic Award” will be given for the “Most Dramatic Sinking!”

During the event, attendees can enjoy food and drinks while visiting exhibits and learning about the Reclaim Our River (ROR) partnership and through it, how to help protect Delaware’s waterways. The ROR-Nanticoke Series is devoted to bringing water quality related events, workshops, and recreational activities to the Nanticoke Watershed. The series offers participants fun opportunities to connect with Delaware’s waterways and provides important information on water quality that can help in protecting aquatic resources.

The ROR partnership also welcomes event sponsors, with proceeds going toward event costs, river restoration, and water quality education. Sponsorships begin at \$50.

Registration opens May 15th. Visit delawarewatersheds.org to register. To see a video of past regattas, visit [Regatta on YouTube](#).



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Coastal Cleanup

- September 12, at Williams Pond

Join the Reclaim Our River (ROR) program and help pick up trash at Williams Pond as part of the 2019 Coastal Cleanup.

The Williams Pond Cleanup is organized by DNREC, the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, the City of Seaford, and Friends of the Nanticoke River.

Volunteers can join teams collecting trash from the shoreline and streets.

Registered volunteers will receive a free lunch provided by the City of Seaford. The group will meet at Soroptimist Park to sign in and receive supplies, such as gloves and trash bags.

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